AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Roll bearing sealing device, comprising: a ring-like extension connected to a bearing housing (5); a ring seal (8) permanently connected to the ring-like extension (7); with a neck seal (4)[[,]] preceded on a the roll barrel side by the a ring seal (8), which is permanently connected to a ring-like extension (7) of the bearing housing $(5)_{T}$ the ring seal having a sealing lip (18) that rests of the ring seal resting with sealing contact against an the end surface (10) of a the roll (1); and, where a ring profile (11) with an Lshaped cross section is permanently connected by a its first sidepiece (12) to an the end surface (14) of the roll (1), where the sealing lip (18) being arranged to rest rests on certain areas of the first sidepiece (12), and a the second sidepiece (13) of the L-shaped ring profile (11) extends over the ring seal (8) and part of the ring-like extension (7) so as to leaveleaving a slight gap and seal off the ring seal (8) and the ringlike extension (7) from, thus sealing them off toward the barrel

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of the roll,; where the ring-like extension (7) having has a drain groove (9), open to the outside, on an its external surface of the ring-like extension (7), the drain groove (9) being open radially outward, an; and where at least the area of the first sidepiece (12) in contact with the sealing lip (18) is at least one of hardened, e.g., rolled and/or and subjected in certain areas to at least one of plasma nitriding and and/or controlled oxidation.

- 2. (Previously presented) Roll bearing sealing device according to Claim 1, wherein the second sidepiece (13) covers the ring-like extension (7) all the way to the drain groove (9).
- 3. (Previously presented) Roll bearing sealing device according to Claim 1, wherein the gap between the ring-like extension (7) and the second sidepiece (13) is approximately 0.5-1.5 mm.
- 4. (Previously presented) Roll bearing sealing device according to Claim 1, wherein the second sidepiece (13) has at least one separator edge (16) in the area of its free end.

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5. (Currently amended) Roll bearing sealing device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one lubricant reservoir (17) is assigned at least one of to the end surface (10) of the roll (1) and and/or to the first sidepiece (12), and in that a connection exists between the lubricant reservoir (17) and the contact area of the sealing lip (18) with the first sidepiece (12).